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5	ministered by the Secretary of the Treasury.
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- nate for satellite interconnection purposes and to those 1 public telecommunications entities participating in the 2 3 public radio satellite interconnection system or the national entity they designate for satellite interconnection 4 purposes, exclusively for the capital costs of the re-5 placement, refurbishment, or upgrading of their nation-6 7 al satellite interconnection systems and associated maintenance of such systems; and 8
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